Misappropriation of Funds in the Trivandrum Municipality.

339. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that a large amount of money was misappropriated by the tax-collectors of the Trivandrum Municipality?

(*b*) What is the total amount of such misappropriation?

(*c*) Who was the President of the municipality when these misappropriations took place?

(*d*) Why were these misappropriations not found out when they took place?

(*e*) What action has been taken against the delinquents?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Rs. 1,903, chs. 16 and cash 4.

(*c*) There were in all seven cases of misappropriation, of which one occurred in 1094, one in 1098, and 5, which relate to the years 1097 and 1098, were found out in 1099. The names of the Presidents at the different periods are noted below:—

In 1094—Mr. K. Marutanayakam Pillai.
In 1097 and till 26-9-1098—Mr. S. K. Mahadeva Aiyar.
From 27-9-1098 up to date—Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi.

(*d*) The cases of misappropriation that occurred in 1094 and 1098 were found out by the then Presidents soon after they took place. The remaining 5 cases of misappropriation were found out only in 1099. The President says that it was not possible to detect them earlier.

(*e*) Of the total amount of Rs. 1903, chs. 16 and cash 4 misappropriated, a sum of Rs. 1,146, chs. 13 and cash 4 was recovered from the subordinates at fault and notices have been issued to the delinquents to pay up the balance. Of the subordinates at fault, one was dismissed and the others were suspended for varying periods by the Presidents concerned.

Admission of all Caste-Hindus to the Vedic Section of the Sanskrit College.

340. MR. C. SANKARA MENON (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any, and, if so, what action in pursuance of the promise given by them in the answer to Question No. 230 asked by Mr. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai in regard to the admission of all caste-Hindu students in the Vedic Section of the Sanskrit College? (*Vide* Travancore Legislative Council Proceedings, Vol. II., No. 7, page 963.)

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have sanctioned a new course of Vedic teaching in the Mahopadhyaya Department of the Sanskrit College with a view to provide an academic course of study of the Vedas to pupils of all classes, with effect from the 1st Kanni, 1099.

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